

REMARKS

1. Status of the Application

Claims 1- 8, 14-18, 20-23, 79, 83 and 84 are pending in the application.

2. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1- 8, 14, 15-18, 20-23, 79, 83 and 84 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In particular, the Office Action identified the reasons for the §112, second paragraph, rejections for claims 1-3, 7, 8, 15, and 18 and provided suggestions for correction. These claims have been amended according to the Examiner's suggestions to provide structural cooperation and clarity. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph, rejections of the above-mentioned claims.

3. Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and passage to allowance of the subject application at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the undersigned can be of assistance in advancing the subject application to allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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In the Claims

Claims 1-3, 7, 8 15 and 18 were amended as follows:

1. (Five times amended) A cutting device comprising:

a work surface having an infeed edge;

an infeed rail attached to the work surface along the infeed edge; and

a workpiece guide slidably disposed on said infeed rail for guiding workpieces on the cutting device, the workpiece guide comprising:

a fence body [having a guide surface]; [and]

an infeed extension integral to said fence body, said infeed extension comprising[:] an infeed platform adjacent to said work surface at the infeed edge, wherein said infeed platform provides workpiece support and is coplanar with said work surface; and

an adjustment mechanism mounted on said infeed extension to selectively adjust [on said infeed extension structured for selectively adjusting] an elevation of said infeed extension relative to said work surface.

2. (Five times amended) The cutting device of claim 1, wherein:

said fence body has an infeed end and an outfeed end and further comprises [a] first and second side [wall] walls and top and bottom walls[,]; and

said infeed extension is integral to said infeed end of said fence body and [comprising] said infeed platform is adjacent to said first side wall and wherein said infeed extension comprises another infeed platform adjacent to said second side wall.

3. (Five times amended) The cutting device of claim 2, wherein said infeed extension further comprises at least one support element to slidably support said infeed extension on [a] said infeed rail [attached to the cutting device].

7. (Four Times Amended) The cutting device of claim 6, wherein said base portion of each said threaded member extends through a respective one of said infeed platforms.

8. (Twice Amended) The cutting device of claim 6, wherein each said head portion of each said threaded member is recessed within the surface of a respective one of said infeed platforms.

15. (Four Times Amended) A saw comprising:
a work surface having an infeed edge and an outfeed edge;
a rail system comprising an infeed rail disposed along said infeed edge and an outfeed rail disposed along said outfeed edge; and
a workpiece guide slidably disposed on said rail system, said workpiece guide comprising a fence body and an infeed extension (integral to said fence body), said fence body ←
having an infeed end and an outfeed end, said infeed extension comprising at least one infeed platform adjacent to said work surface at said infeed edge, wherein said infeed platform provides workpiece support and is coplanar with said work surface, and an adjustment mechanism mounted on said infeed extension to selectively adjust [on said infeed extension

structured for selectively adjusting] an elevation of said infeed extension relative to said work surface.

18. (Four Times Amended) The saw of claim 17, wherein said infeed extension further comprises at least one elongated bracket member having a shape complementary to at least a portion of said infeed rail and slidably engaging said portion of said infeed rail to support said infeed extension on said infeed rail.